



Platichthys flesus

European flounder

General

1. Marine fish growing to 50cm; tolerates freshwater
2. Not known to reproduce in freshwater, thus unlikely to become established in the Great Lakes

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Northeast Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea
2. Habitat:
 - Sandy or muddy areas in nearshore coastal and estuarine habitats



Photo: USGS
<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=841>

Invasion Pathways

1. Likely ballast water release from trans-Atlantic vessels

Sources

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